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NEW JALPAIGURI-MAYNAGURI-JOGIGHOPA RAIL LINE
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of New Jalpaiguri-Mynaguri-Jogikhopa rail line project;

(b) the funds allocated therefor; year-wise; (

(c) the time schedule for completion of said project;

(d) whether the project is running behind the schedule time;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken for timely completion of the said project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): The new rail line project is from New Maynaguri to Jogighopa. The broad gauge line already exists between New Jalpaiguri to New Maynaguri. On this project, the field work for final location survey has been completed. Land acquisition has been processed in Jalpaiguri and Coochbehar Districts and an amount of Rs.6.22 crore has been deposited towards cost of land to West Bengal Government. Contracts for earthwork for gauge conversion portion from Maynaguri Road to Changrabandha (19 km) have been awarded.

(b): Year-wise allocation of funds for the project is as under:-

2000-01 - Rs.6 crore
2001-02 - Rs.20 crore
2002-03 - Rs.8 crore
2003-04 - Rs.25 crore

(c) to (f):No target has yet been fixed for completion of the project.